

H.R. 5690, to adjust the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas;

H.R. 6121, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, and for other purposes;

on Monday, December 4, 2006:

H.R. 3699, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4377, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAJORITY LEADERS OF UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable WILLIAM FRIST, Majority Leader, United States Senate, and the Honorable JOHN BOEHNER, Majority Leader, United States House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, November 14, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 109-236, we hereby appoint the following individual to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel: Thomas P. Mucho of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM FRIST,
Majority Leader, U.S.
Senate.

JOHN BOEHNER,
Majority Leader,
House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE ADAM H. PUTNAM, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Amy Topol, Caseworker for the Honorable ADAM H. PUTNAM, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
House of Representatives, November 9, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil deposition subpoena, issued by the Circuit Court for Polk County, Florida, for documents and testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

AMY TOPOL,
Caseworker.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE DENNIS J. KUCINICH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Malak Jadallah, District Office Congressional Staff of the Honorable DENNIS J. KUCINICH, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
House of Representatives, November 27, 2006.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by rule VIII.

Sincerely,

MALAK JADALLAH,
District Office Congressional Staff.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING HIRING OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1070) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 1070

Whereas United States soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines continue to make significant personal sacrifices to protect and defend the Nation;

Whereas since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in late 2001 over 1,406,000 members of the Armed Forces have served overseas in combat theaters of operations;

Whereas over 22,900 members of the Armed Forces have been wounded in theater and as a result of their injuries many have been separated from their respective service;

Whereas as a result of required separation from military service due to their injuries incurred while in service, these members of the Armed Forces are transitioning to civilian careers;

Whereas recent statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the transition from military service to a civilian career can

be difficult, with veterans who are age 20 through 24 experiencing a jobless rate 3 times the national average; and

Whereas Members of Congress could provide assistance in making businesses and employers aware of the unique skills of wounded veterans and thereby help reduce the jobless rate for wounded veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life;

(2) a strong relationship should be forged between Congress, local businesses, and members and former members of the Armed Forces referred to in paragraph (1) towards the goal of finding employment for those who have sacrificed so much; and

(3) Members should carry out the types of activities described in this resolution in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Committee on House Administration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is really a pleasure to be down in the Chamber working this issue with the gentlewoman from Guam, for whom I have the utmost esteem. This is a very good cause we are talking about this morning.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of this House of Representatives spend a lot of time each year making recommendations and decisions that directly impact the lives of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

With the global war on terrorism, House Members have taken numerous actions as part of the annual defense authorization and defense appropriations acts to ensure that these fine men and women have the full range of resources they need to be successful in combat.

For those who are wounded and injured, and there have been more than 22,900 during this war, our colleagues have moved quickly and effectively to change laws and provide additional resources to improve the health care system. For as much as we in the House have done to support the men and women of the Armed Forces, I believe that more should be done and could be done, especially for those who have been wounded in defense of this Nation and who as a result of their wounds are leaving the service.